

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 18 – SB 1498

April 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005072, 006229): Amendment 005072 deletes all language of the original bill except for the effective date provision; defines aggressive driving as two traffic violations committed during one episode of continuous driving of a motor vehicle; and creates a new Class B misdemeanor offense for aggressive driving. Amendment 006229 changes the offense for aggressive driving from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue - \$11,400
Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time

Increase Local Revenue – \$600

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Revenue - \$15,200/Recurring
Increase State Expenditures - \$5,000/One-Time

Increase Local Revenue - \$800/Recurring

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- The Department of Safety (DOS) projects 400 convictions per year.
- DOS indicates the average fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$50.
- Twenty percent will not pay fines due to indigence.
- Local government receives five percent of fine revenue as commission.
- The increase to state revenue is estimated to be \$15,200 per year ($400 \times \$50 \times 80\% \times 95\% = \$15,200$).
- The increase to local government revenue is estimated to be \$800 per year ($400 \times \$50 \times 80\% \times 5\% = \800).
- One-time increase to state expenditures of \$5,000 for computer and software modifications.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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